
DIGEST

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SB No. 221

Proposed law provides for an individual income tax checkoff under which an individual can donate a portion of his state income tax refund, or other monies, to the Louisiana Association of United Ways/LA 2-1-1, hereinafter the "United Ways/LA 2-1-1".

Proposed law requires that donated monies be used for the 2-1-1 helpline, for purposes of alerting and educating the public on important services, opportunities, crises, and facts, and for staff and administrative costs associated with the United Ways/LA 2-1-1 program.

Proposed law provides that donated monies shall be administered and disbursed by the secretary of the Dept. of Revenue in accordance with provisions of present law governing the administration of donated refund monies.

Proposed law authorizes the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs or the House Committee on Ways and Means, at its discretion, to request reports from the United Ways/LA 2-1-1 relative to its operations. The form and content of the report shall be prescribed by the chairman of the committee, but shall at a minimum contain a detailed explanation of the revenues and expenditures, as well as a description of the organization's activities.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action, and applicable to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2012.

(Adds R.S. 47:120.102)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs to the original bill.

1. Changes the disbursement of monies from the fund from the state treasurer to the secretary of the Department of Revenue in accordance with R.S. 47:120.37.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Ways and Means to the engrossed bill.

1. Changes provisions for administration and disbursement of donated monies by deleting the special treasury fund and providing for administration in the same manner as other donated refund monies.